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SUBJECT: TINDEMANDS REPORT: US-EC RELATIONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE TINDEMANDS REPORT TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON EUROPEAN UNION WAS RELEASED ON JANUARY 7. IN A SECTION OF THE REPORT ENTITLED " EUROPE AND THE WORLD," TINDEMANDS URGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON FOREIGN POLICY FOR THE COMMUNITY AND TOWARD THAT AIM RECOMMENDS THAT POSITIVE ACTION BE TAKEN IN FOUR AREAS OF "FOREMOST CONCERN" TO EUROPE AS FOLLOWS: A) A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER B) RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, C) SECURITY; AND D) THE CRISIS OCCURRING WITHIN EUROPE'S IMMEDIATE GEOGRAPHICAL SURROUNDINGS. TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS THE TEXT OF THE REFERENCE TO US/EC RELATIONS THE TEXT OF THE SECTION DEALING WITH SECURITY AND MISSION SUMMARY OF THE OVERALL TINDEMANDS REPORT ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE

UNITED STATES. RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, WHO ARE AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME OUR ALLIES, OUR PARTNERS AND OCCASIONALLY OUR COMPETITORS, RAISE PROBLEMS OF VAST PROPORTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION. THEY ARE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, IN DEFENCE, IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, NOT ONLY ON ACCOUNT OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIES, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF THESE TWO INDUSTRIAL CENTRES FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY, A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH THE RAMBOUILLET MEETING OF DECEMBER 1975 HAS ONCE AGAIN UNDERLINED.

THE NEED FOR EUROPE TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF THE UNDERLYING REASONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE. A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION, CONSCIOUS OF ITS IDENTITY, AND THE LEADING WESTERN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POWER, IS NECESSARY WITHOUT DELAY ITS USEFULNESS HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE DOCUMENT ON THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS AT COPENHAGEN IN DECEMBER 1973 ONLY IN THIS MANNER, AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNION SHALL WE BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY, FREE OF ANY CONCEPT OF INFERIORITY, WHICH REFLECTS AT THE SAME TIME BOTH WHAT IS COMMON IN OUR BASIC VALUES, INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE DIFFERENCE IN THE DESTINIES OF OUR TWO REGIONS.

IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THE EUROPEAN STATES CAN HAVE A STRICTLY IDENTICAL APPRECIATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE SO LONG AS THEIR RESPECTIVE ANALYSES OF THE PROBLEMS OF DEFENCE ARE NOTICEABLY DIVERGENT. THIS QUESTION MUST HOWEVER BE EXAMINED FRANKLY AND IN DETAILS WITH THE OBJECT OF LAYING DOWN CERTAIN PRINCIPLES AND RULES DETERMINING THE CONTENT OF AND PROCEDURES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

IN THIS CONTEXT I PROPOSE THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO DELEGATE ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO HOLD TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES WITH THE OBJECT OF REACHING A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARACTER AND SCOPE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THAT MAJOR POWER AND THE EUROPEAN UNION.

END TEXT.

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